



The Chinese Association of Iowa
Cordially Invites You to

The 2009 Iowa Chinese New Year Celebrations



THE OX



Ox Years Are 1901, 1913, 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997.

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Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, 11am-9pm
Valley High School, West Des Moines

Free Admission

Celebrating Chinese heritages, cultures, community, and achievements. Enjoy
friendship, cultural demonstrations, music and dancing, arts, food, and children activities.


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	Animal Symbol	Ancient Symbol	Element Symbol
Chinese Symbols	牛	丑	
	The Ox	The Comedian	
Brief Description	The Ox is full of strength and a born leader, they are methodical and good with their hands. They can also be introverted and often feel misunderstood.		
Positive Traits	patient, contemplative, skillful, dexterous, eloquent, confident, familiar, authoritative, industrious and sure of foot		
Negative Traits	prejudice, chauvinistic, proud, tyrannical, petty, critical, eccentric, bigoted, conservative, grumpy and on occasion violent		
General Description of All Oxen	 <p>Pragmatic and down-to-earth, Ox people are motivated to work hard and have no respect for lazy or careless people. Although they can be easily trusted and find it easy to put trust in others, they are not dependent on friends and family and would rather find an answer or a solution themselves than to ask these people for help or guidance. However, others can, without a doubt rely on Oxen, who are always honest and meticulous about their responsibilities. While they do not feel the need for many distant or acquaintance-oriented friendships, they value the strong bonds they share with their partners and families, and make close friends that last a lifetime.</p> <p>Though they are quite open-minded, once Ox people have made a decision about something, they rarely change it. This is a defining characteristic that can be seen as obstinacy, but it is actually the way an Ox learns to be strong, brave and straightforward. It is the way the Ox learned to take on tasks and responsibilities and how he learns to be reliable for others. Oxen are more comfortable with the well-known as opposed to the unfamiliar. Yet, beneath their unpretentious, tranquil exterior lies a heart of gold and a motivation to prosper.</p>		

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The Chinese Association of Iowa has hosted the annual Iowa Chinese New Year since 2004. The New Year Celebrations have been rotated to different areas to meet the community diversified culture needs: DMACC Ankeny Campus (2004), Drake University and DMACC Ankeny Campus (2005), Drake University (2006), Ankeny Northview Middle School and High School (2007), and Waukee High School (2008). This year we will move to West Des Moines first time to celebrate the Chinese New Year. The West Des Moines School District will offer the first Chinese language class in suburb in Fall 2008.

Sat., Jan. 24, 2009 New Year Program, Valley High School, West Des Moines

11am-3pm

The Annual Chinese New Year Poster Contest Exhibit and Award Ceremony

Children activities

Chinese cooking demonstrations

Chinese music and dancing

Chinese calligraphy and painting demonstrations

Chinese martial arts demonstrations

Chinese Tai-Chi demonstrations

Iowa Chinese t-shirt

Lucky winners for the door prizes

4-6pm

Chinese New Year Dinner and the Reception for the Annual Iowa Chinese Achievement Awards

6-7pm

The Annual Iowa Chinese Achievement Award Ceremony

7-9pm

Gala of the New Year Music and Dancing

About the Chinese Zodiac

The Ox is the sign of prosperity through fortitude and hard work. This powerful sign is a born leader, being quite dependable and possessing an innate ability to achieve great things. As one might guess, such people are dependable, calm, and modest. Like their animal namesake, the Ox is unswervingly patient, tireless in their work, and capable of enduring any amount of hardship without complaint.

Ox people need peace and quiet to work through their ideas, and when they have set their mind on something it is hard for them to be convinced otherwise. An Ox person has a very logical mind and is extremely systematic in whatever they do, even without imagination. These people speak little but are extremely intelligent. When necessary, they are articulate and eloquent.

People born under the influence of the Ox are kind, caring souls, logical, positive, filled with common sense and with their feet firmly planted on the ground. Despite this fact, they still behave in a manner that professes complete and "utter" disregard. Security is their main preoccupation in life, and they are prepared to toil long and hard in order to provide a warm, comfortable and stable nest for themselves and their families. Strong-minded, stubborn, individualistic, the majority are highly intelligent individuals who don't take kindly to being told what to do.

The Ox works hard, patiently, and methodically, with original intelligence and reflective thought. These people enjoy helping others. Behind this tenacious, laboring, and self-sacrificing exterior lies an active mind.

The Ox is not extravagant, and the thought of living off credit cards or being in debt makes them nervous. The possibility of taking a serious risk could cause the Ox sleepless nights.

Ox people are truthful and sincere, and the idea of wheeling and dealing in a competitive world is distasteful to them. They are rarely driven by the prospect of financial gain. These people are always welcome because of their honesty and patience. They have many friends, who appreciate the fact that the Ox people are wary of new trends, although every now and then they can be encouraged to try something new.

It is important to remember that the Ox people are sociable and relaxed when they feel secure, but occasionally a dark cloud looms over such people and they engage all the trials of the whole world and seek solutions for them.

The Ox person is dependable, calm, methodical, patient, hardworking, ambitious, conventional, disciplined, steady, modest, fair-minded, logical, resolute, tenacious. They can also sometimes be stubborn, narrow-minded, materialistic, rigid, demanding and nurture grievances. The Ox can attain prosperity and success through fortitude, hard work

and natural leadership qualities. Good dentists, surgeons, engineers, and archaeologists.
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